

Jean Monnet Project

Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity

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ORGANISED EVENTS

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in managing diversity in Europe

NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, 2020

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United Nations
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Cultural Organization



UNESCO Chair in intercultural policy
for an active citizenship and solidarity,
University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki,
(Greece)

25-Hour E-Seminar

Intercultural Dialogue as
a European Project

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 23, 30 AND
MONDAY DECEMBER 7 and 14, 2020

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UNESCO Chair on Women,
Peace and Security:
Building Capacity and Resilience
through Education and Research,
University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki



Guest Lecture 1

Contemporary security issues in
Europe: Revisionism, Identities,
Asymmetric Threats and Power
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

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First Guest Lecture Event of the EU Security Watch spot

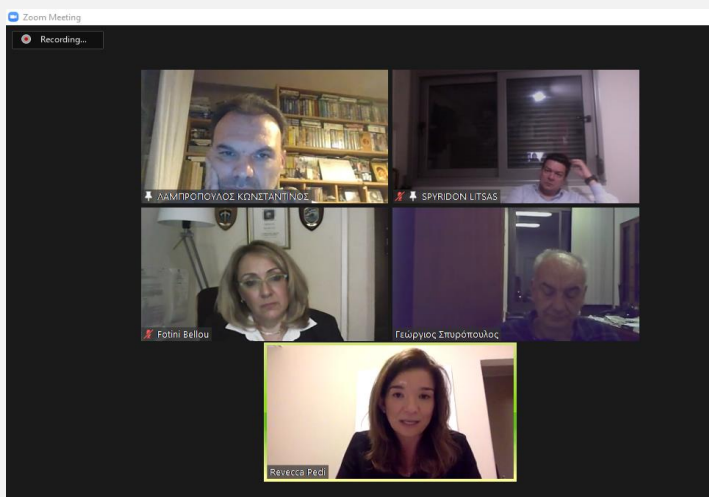
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

The EU Security Watch Spot of the Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity" of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia organized with great success its first virtual Guest Lecture Event, on "Contemporary security issues in Europe: Revisionism, Identities, Asymmetric Threats and Power Relations" on 23rd of October 2020.

The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Konstantinos Lambropoulos, Senior Strategic Analyst and Partner of the Geneva Center for Security Studies, who spoke about security in Europe, asymmetric threats and power projections. A roundtable discussion followed with a number of academics from the Department of International and European Studies who discussed various angles of international security. More specifically, Professor Georgios M. Spyropoulos focused on the extended nature of international security, Professor Spyridon M. Litsas discussed security and power in the Eastern Mediterranean as well as notions related to climate change and their effect on security, Assistant Professor Revecca Pedi, presented security issues of small states of the European Union, and, finally, Assistant Professor Fotini Bellou, Head of the EU Security Watch Spot, looked at the conditions under which European security has become the victim of an evolving revisionism.

The event was organized in Greek and was attended by more than 300 university students, military personnel and subject matter experts. The discussion that followed with the audience highlighted the importance of key EU policy areas, such as security and defence. It also emphasized the need for continued academic interest and research in order clarify a number of uncertainties and to shed light on the important questions pertaining European security.



2 Day E-Conference

The role of intercultural dialogue in managing diversity in Europe

NOVEMBER 18 AND 19, 2020

The Jean Monnet Project "Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity" of the University of Macedonia organized a 2-day E-Conference entitled "The role of intercultural dialogue in managing diversity in Europe", on November 18 and 19, 2020 from 16.00 to 21.00 via the Zoom Platform, in collaboration with the UNESCO Chair in Intercultural Policy for an Active Citizenship and Solidarity of the University of Macedonia. The event was a great success with 327 unique users during the first day and 289 during the second day.

The first session was entitled "*Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue in Europe - EU Citizens and the Others*". The speakers of this session were: **Nikolaos Papadakis**, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Crete, **Alexandra Xanthaki**, Professor, Director of Research, Law School, Brunel University, **Despoina Anagnostopoulou**, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, **Georgios Mavrommatis**, Associate Professor, Department of Preschool Education, Democritus University of Thrace, and **Iulia Sushkova**, Dean, Professor, Law Faculty, Ogarev Mordovia State University.

The second session was entitled "*Cultural Diversity – Reconciling the Differences*". The speakers of this session were: **Joyce Monteiro**, Associate Programme Specialist, UNESCO, **Eirini Gouleta**, Associate Professor, Department of Educational & Social Policy, University of Macedonia, and **Dr. Maria Vlachadi**, Department of Computer Science and Telecommunications, University of Thessaly.

The third session was entitled "*Intercultural Education – New Concepts and Best Practices*". The speakers of this session were: **Tien-Hui Chiang**, Distinguished Professor, Academy of Globalization and Education Policy, Zhengzhou University, **Concepción Maiztegui Oñate**, Professor, Universidad de Deusto, **Christos N. Tsironis**, Associate Professor, Department of Ethics and Sociology, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, **Sofia Boutsiouki**, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, **Vera Dilari**, MSc, National Coordinator ASP net-UNESCO Greece, **Katerina Christodoulou**, EFL and CLIL Teacher, Ralleio Lykeio Thileon Greece.

The last session was entitled "*Interreligious Dialogue*". The speakers of this session were: **Lidija Georgieva**, Professor, UNESCO Chair Holder "Intercultural Studies and Research" (2014-2018), University St Cyril and Methodius, **Alberto Melloni**, Professor, University of Modena-Reggio, Director, John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies, UNESCO Chair Holder "Religious Pluralism and Peace", University of Bologna, and **Dr. Richard Neill-Willson**, Research Associate, European University Institute.



25-Hour E-Seminar

Intercultural Dialogue as a European Project

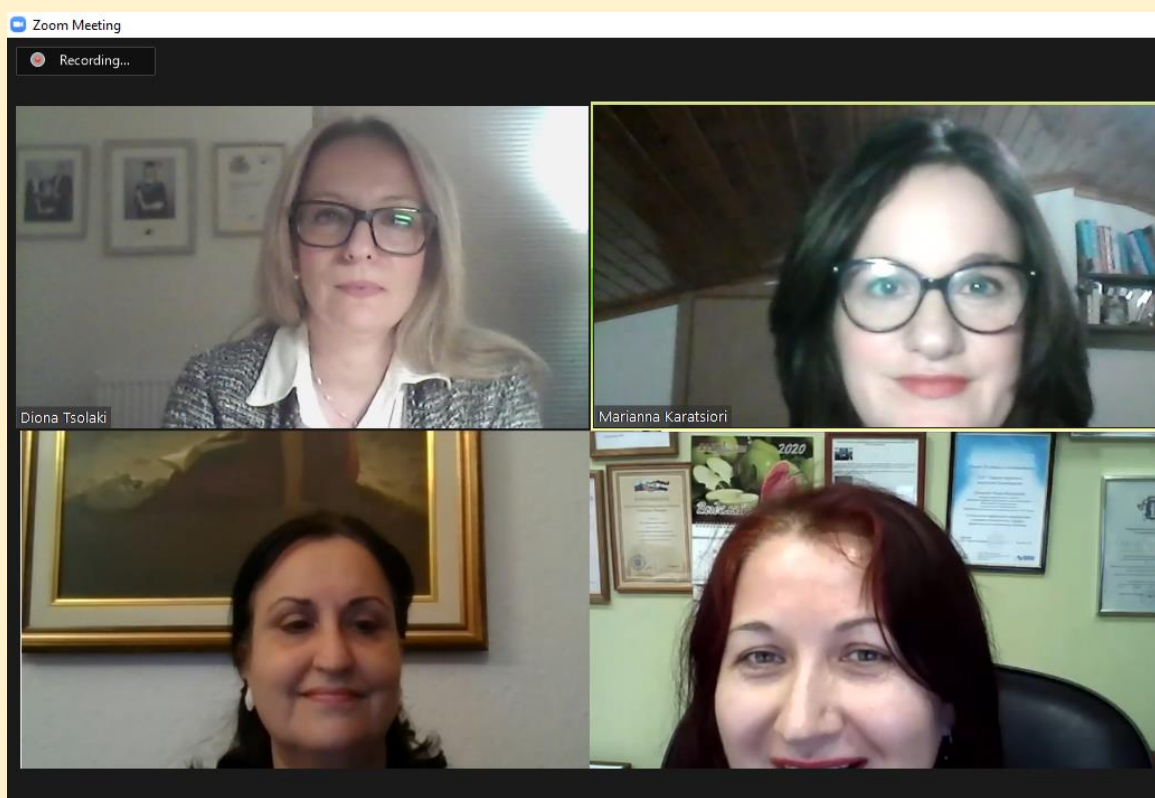
MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 23, and 30

The Jean Monnet Project “Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity” of the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia has organized the 25 hour - Online Seminar entitled “Intercultural Dialogue as a European Project” on Monday November 16, 23 and 30, 2020 as well as December 7 and 14, 2020 from 17:00 to 21:00 Athens Time. The seminar is co-organised with the UNESCO Chair of Intercultural Policy for an Active Citizenship and Solidarity of the University of Macedonia.

The first three sessions of the Seminar have already taken place with 295 unique users on the 16th of November, 294 unique users on the 23rd of November and 262 unique users on the 30th November.

The topics of the first session on November 16, 2020 were Intercultural Dialogue in the EU, Intercultural Dialogue as a Bridge between the EU and Russia, The Conditions of Intercultural Dialogue: Fundamental Rights, Democracy, Pluralism, Equality, and Intercultural Dialogue after COVID-19 and the George Floyd Tsunami presented by **Despoina Anagnostopoulou**, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Academic Coordinator, Jean Monnet Project EUVaDiS, Thessaloniki, Greece, and **Iulia Sushkova**, Dean, Professor, Law Faculty, Ogarev Mordovia State University, Saransk, Russia, Jean Monnet Chair holder.

The topics of the second session on November 23 were Equality, Inclusion and Non-discrimination at the Workplace, Linguistic Integration of Adult Migrants, and Hate Speech, Hate Crimes, Freedom and Tolerance presented by **Despoina Anagnostopoulou**, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Academic Coordinator, Jean Monnet Project EUVaDiS, Thessaloniki, Greece, **Marianthi Karatsiori**, Laboratory Teaching Staff, Department of Educational & Social Policy, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece, and **Dionisia Tsolaki**, PhD Candidate, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece.



The session on the 30th of November included the following topics: The Agentic Space of Consumption Culture within an Institutionalized Context by **Tien-Hui Chiang**, Distinguished Professor, Academy of Globalization and Education Policy, Zhengzhou University, China, Vice-president, RC04, International Sociological Association, Multiculturalism and Moral Liberalism: A Critical Approach by **Nikolaos Papadakis**, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Crete, Deputy Director, University of Crete Research Center for Humanities, Social and Education Sciences, Director, Centre for Political Research and Documentation, Crete, Greece, UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education by **Anastasia Psallida**, PhD Candidate, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece and Terrorism, Intercultural Dialogue and the Euro-Mediterranean Region by **Antonia Koumpoti**, MA, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Scholar, Research Associate, Jean Monnet Project EUVaDiS, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece.

The programme for the following sessions for the 7th and 14th of December 2020 can be found on the “Events” section of our website, at the Facebook event at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/370882047566523/>.

